(d) The procedure for collection and payment of service tax is simple and no separate records are required to be maintained by a service tax assessee for the purpose of assessment.

Registration of Vehicles by RTOs

*20. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that passenger vehicles having capacity of more than 12 seats cannot be registered by the RTOs in the name of an individual but have to be registered in the name of trusts, societies or companies;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and if not, the factual position in this regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that some RTOs are not registering such vehicles in individual names; and

(d) if so, what steps will be taken to inform the general public about the actual situation?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There is no restriction on registration of a passenger vehicle having capacity of more than 12 seats in the name of an individual.

(c) No such instances have been brought to the notice of this Ministry. (d) Does not arise.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS SET FOR THE 19th NOVEMBER, 1997

दिल्ली में ओ०बी० नम्बर जारी होने के बाद टेलीफोन लगाया जाना

1. **श्री रामगोपाल यादव:** क्या **संचार** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) 31 अक्तूबर, 1997 तक दिल्ली में टेलीफोन कनेक्शन के लिये कितने आवेदकों को ओ०बी० नम्बर जारी किया गया है;

(ख) क्या आवेदकों को ओ०बी० नम्बर जारी किये जोन के बाद टेलीफोन कनेक्शन दिये जाने की कोई समय सीमा है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और क्या इस समय सीमा पर कार्य रूप में अमल किया जाता है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या ओ०बी० नम्बर जारी किये गये सभी आवेदकों को समय सीमा के अनुसार टेलीफोन कनेक्शन दिया जा चुका है; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं और उपभोक्ताओं को कब तक टेलीफोन कनेक्शन दिया जायेगा?

संचार मंत्री (श्री बेनी प्रसाद वर्मा): (क) दिल्ली टेलीफोन्स में 1.4.97 से 31.10.97 की अवधि में 46501 ओ बी जारी की गई हैं।

(ख) और (ग) जी हां। टेलीफोन कनेक्शन, ओ बी जारी होने के 15 दिन के भीतर संस्थापित कर दिये जाने चाहिए और उन्हें चालू कर दिया जाना चाहिए। इस समय-सीमा का अनुपालन करने के सभी प्रयास किए जाते हैं और लगभग 72 प्रतिशत टेलीफोन, ओ बी जारी करने के 15 दिन के भीतर प्रदान कर दिए जाते हैं।

(घ) और (ङ) ओ बी जारी होने के 15 दिन की निर्धारित अवधि के भीतर टेलीफोन कनेक्शन प्रदान करने के प्रयास किए जाते हैं। तथापि, कुछेक मामलों में, निम्नलिखित कारणों से, टेलीफोन कनेक्शन प्रदान नहीं किए जा सके:

(i) कुछेक पॉकेटों में केबल पेयर या एक्सचेंज क्षमता उपलब्ध न होने के कारण उनका तकनीकी रूप से व्यवहार्य न होना।

(ii) अत्यधिक मात्रा में रिलीज (बल्फ रिलीज) के समय अत्यधिक कार्यभार बढ़ जाना।

(iii) कई बार उपभोक्ताओं की ओर से कमी होने के कारण।

उन सभी उपभोक्ताओं को 31.3.98 तक उत्तरोत्तर रूप से टेलीफोन कनेक्शन प्रदान कर दिए जाएंगे जिन्हें 31.10.97 तक ओ बी जारी कर दी गई है।

Waiting List of Telephone Connections for General Category Registrants in Rourkela

2. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to answer to

the Unstarred Question 2569 and 2348 given in Rajya Sabha on the 19.3.97 and on 13.8.97 respectively and state:

(a) whether waiting list of telephone connections for General Category Registrants in Rourkela, Orissa, has since been cleared as per repeated assertion by Government that it would be done latest by October, 1997;

(b) if not, the reasons for the presistent delay in installing the said telephone connections;

(c) whether Government have not taken any steps to expedite availability of the required equipments continuously cited as the reason for non-clearance of the waiting list;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken against the negligent officials so as to enforce better customer response and accountability in Rourkela; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) No, Sir. There are two exchanges one is E-108 at Plant Area and the waiting list is cleared upto September, 1997. The other is RLU at Town-Ship and the waiting list is cleared upto July 96. The new telephone connection against application No. A-2782 promised to be installed by the end of October, 97 has been provided with indicator RKL-541398 on 11.11.97.

(b) The expansion work of Township RLU exchange from 6000 lines to 7000 lines is under progress.

(c) No, Sir. Continuous efforts are being made for the expansion of 1000 lines RLU at Township. Installation of another RLU exchange at Koel Nagar, Township is also in progress.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Since work is in progress as stated at (c), no action is warranted.

Permission to set-up video Conference Facilities by VSNL

3. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether permission of VSNL in necessary to set up Video conference facilities; if so, what is the license fee;

(b) the number of lincenses issued by VSNL for Video conference so far, State-wise; and

(c) the names and addresses of companies having Video conferencing facilities, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) (a) and (b) No Sir. For provision of Video Conferencing as a commercial service, licence from Department of Telecommunications is required. Only one Letter of Intent has been issued for this service so far. The lincense fee has not been finalised as yet.

(c) Does not arise, inview of (a) & (b) above.

Criteria for issuing O.B. to the subscribers

4. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the answer to the Unstarred Question 2347 given in Rajya Sabha on the 13.8.97 and state:

(a) the criteria to handover O.B. to the subscribers;

(b) the number of O.B. released and handed over to the subscribers as on 1.7.97 under Janpath Telephone Exchange;

(c) whether it is a fact that OBs are not handed over to the subscribers as on due date;

(d) whether O.B. has been released and handed over to the subscriber of Regd. No. OA 13001522 dated 29.4.97;

(e) if so, the date of OB released and handed over to the subscriber;